

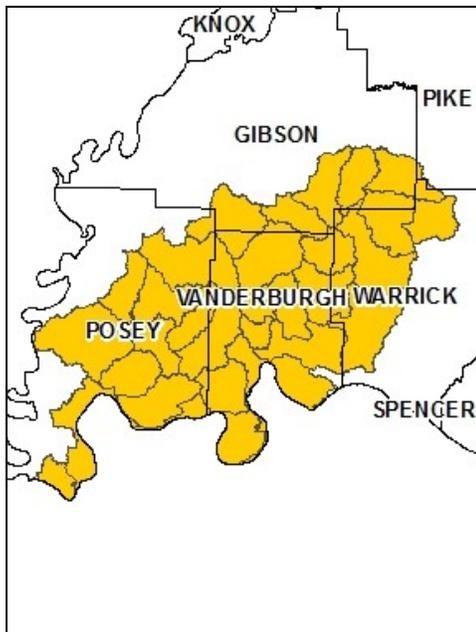
# 2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: POSEY  
COLLABORATING DISTRICT: VANDERBURGH, WARRICK  
TARGET WATERSHEDS: BIG CREEK, PIGEON-HIGHLAND, OHIO RIVER  
HIGHLAND, LITTLE PIGEON, CYPRESS, WABASH  
PROJECT NAME: SW INDIANA COVER CROP PROGRAM  
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015  
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$27,000



## Purpose: Encourage and establish cover crops



To encourage and establish cover crops to address concerns of soil quality degradation and water quality, the southwest Districts typically pool CWI grant funds to support this agricultural initiative and will continue doing so with a program that has had a great impact in our areas and conveys to local and state officials the importance of our soils and our work to preserve it. Producers in this program are valuable advocates for cover crops and testimonies have drawn interest which are difficult to fund without CWI funding. Aerial and traditional seedings will be covered. The garden cover crop program will continue. This program has grown as word spread on the importance and value of cover crops to home gardeners, also helping to lessen nutrients used, control erosion, break up heavy soils, improve soil fertility and become weed control, improving quality of runoff water into backyard streams and ponds.

Partners for this grant include, but are not be limited to: ICP members- FSA, NRCS, ISDA, Purdue Extension, etc., local producers, Tri-County Equipment, (Poseyville), Cover Crops USA, Superior Ag, Daylight Farm Supply, Baker Seed, Posey County Co-op, Ed Aire, Inc., Wadesville, Mt. Vernon and Poseyville Farmer's Markets, First Bank, Fifth Third Bank and others.

### PROJECT GOALS:

COVER CROP ACRES: 1,800

GARDEN COVER CROP ACRES: 45

ON FARM PLOTS: 3

Cost  
Share  
\$27,000

Each District will establish a cover crop test plot in gardens of SWCD personnel or volunteers that can be used to encourage cover crops in urban communities, gardens, etc.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).